

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

*University of Montana - Western
710 S Atlantic Street
Main Hall – Model Classroom
Dillon, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Dell called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call. Chair O'Dell read the Statement of Public Participation.

Council members present included: Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder, Vice-chair; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Sabrina Steketee; Ms. Leanne Yenny; Ms. Noreen Burris. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services was also present on behalf of the Board. Guests present included: Ms. Susan Harper-Whalen, University of Montana; Ms. Kristi Murphy, University of Montana; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Mr. TJ Eyer, OPI; Ms. Colet Bartow, OPI; Mr. Dan Rask, Small Schools Alliance; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators; Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Dr. MarySusan Fishbaugh, Montana State University-Billings; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools Montessori Program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Sabrina Steketee seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the July 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair O'Dell introduced Dr. Delena Norris-Tull who welcomed the CSPAC members.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Cindy O'Dell

- Review By-Laws

The Council reviewed the current By-Laws. A discussion was held regarding Article III regarding Membership and if nominating bodies should be listed in the By-Laws but decided to not change this provision. Update Article IV section B(1)(c) to update date for Code of Ethics.

Sabrina Steketee moved to approve the change to the by-Laws. Mr. Kelly Elder seconded the motion. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan updated the Council on the most recent Board of Public Education meeting in Bozeman on September 16th which was hosted by the Bozeman School District and Rob Watson. Mr. Donovan reviewed some of the items presented to the Board including an OPI update on ESSA, Chapter 57, Content Standards Review, and schools in Step 2 of the Intensive Assistance process who presented Corrective Plans to the Board.

ITEM 3 PHYLISS J. WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA PROPOSES TO ADD SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHING MINOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCES – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Peterson and Ms. Susan Harper-Whalen presented the University of Montana’s plan to introduce a teaching minor in Computer Science. Ms. Harper-Whalen fielded questions from the Council regarding teachers who are teaching these classes now, and the what endorsement looks like.

ITEM 4 CONTENT STANDARDS REVISION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE – Pete Donovan, Jael Prezeau – OPI, TJ Eyer - OPI, Colet Bartow – OPI

Mr. Donovan gave a brief overview of this item explaining how the Board and OPI are working together on a timeline for the adoption of remaining standards that still need to be updated. Ms. Jael Prezeau discussed in further detail the revisions process used for the standards including the new Negotiated Rulemaking Process established during the 2015 Legislative Session. Ms. Prezeau reviewed the proposed calendar for updating the content standards areas and fielded questions from the Council regarding how that schedule looks and how schools implement the standards once they are revised. The Council also recommended changes to the timeline for which standards are revised with most members concerned with revising math and English at the same time.

ITEM 5 REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE – Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan explained to the Council the request before them from the Board of Public Education regarding the requested changes to the Chapter 57 from MTPEC. The Board is requesting CSPAC to review the requests and to provide a recommendation from CSPAC to the Board. The CSPAC recommendation will be presented during the Public Hearing on November 9th. Mr. Parman reviewed the requests from MTPEC including P-12 Autism special education, recognizing the MACTE as an approved accrediting body, and changes to the Superintendent endorsement for out-of-state applicants. Mr. Marco Ferro, Mr. Kirk Miller, and Ms. Diane Burke also spoke of their support of the requested changes. The Council took public comment on each requested change and discussed each proposed revision.

P-12 Autism proposal: Mr. Rob Watson moved to support the Autism Only endorsement. Motion seconded by Leanne Yenny. Comment from Debbie Hendricks with concern that it is for out of state applicants. Roll call vote: 3 yes, 4 no; motion failed.

Superintendent endorsement: Ms. Sabrina Steketee moved to support the Superintendent provision. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion. Comment from Rob to specify “teaching experience.” Debbie Hendricks supported the need for this definition with specification for counselors. Roll call vote: 6 yes, 1 no; motion passes.

MACTE addition: Ms. Noreen Burris moved to not accept the request of MTPEC for the addition of MACTE to the Chapter 57 licensure rules. Ms. Debbie Hendricks seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of MACTE as an accrediting body in the definitions in Chapter 57.102. Roll call vote: 5 yes, 2 no; motion passes.

ITEM 6 CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW – Kristine Thatcher

Nine Class 8 license applications were reviewed and approved by the Council.

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative Update

Update on ECE: P-3 licensure

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Chair O'Dell recognized Mr. Kelly Elder as the 2017 Montana Teacher of the Year and presented him with a gift from the Council. Mr. Donovan noted that Mr. Elder will be recognized at the Teacher of the Year Celebration at the upcoming MEA-MFT Conference Oct 20th in Helena

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Agenda items are handled in the order listed on the approved agenda. Items may be rearranged unless listed "time certain". Action may be taken by the Council on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items but time limits on public comment may be set at the Chair's discretion.

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